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SENT OFF BUT PLAYED

Controversy erupted this week when Preston Makedonia claimed that West Adelaide-Hellas played an ineligible player in their clash at Hindmarsh Stadium three weeks ago.

West won 4-0 and the player concerned is Jim Hughes who replaced Graham Honeyman in the 78th minute. Hughes had been sent off in West Adelaide's Federation side on the Saturday but appeared as a substitute the following day.

I rang Peter Nikolic, secretary of the South Australian Soccer Federation. He had this to say:

"Hughes still could play for West Adelaide even though he had been sent off the previous day.

"All send-offs have to be heard by our disciplinary tribunal which must ratify the send-off before deciding whether or not to take any action.

"The player involved is eligible to play until the tribunal meets. The tribunal met two days after the Sunday game.

It confirmed Hughes's sending-off and suspended him for one match!

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre was critical of West Adelaide but emphasised he was expressing a personal opinion.

"I don't think any action can be taken but in my opinion it was very improper of the Adelaide club to use the player under the circumstances," he said.

"I don't think that it is in the best interests of the game and surely West Adelaide wasn't so hard up for players that it had to play someone who was sent off the previous day.

"Unfortunately when you have a situation where there is no automatic suspension for the sending-off offence these things can arise."

Preston Makedonia also thinks that it is unfortunate. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

It's not all gloom!

Failure in the world cup does not spell the end of Australian Soccer!

I want to make this statement right at the outset to counter the rhetoric which poured forth following our World Cup failure and the forced resignation of Rudi Gutendorf.

John Warren said that the debacle confirmed what his father had always



Mike Johnson

said — that Australian soccer would never make it.

Rale Rasic said that Rudi Gutendorf and the current ASF administration had set the game back 100 years.

I agree Rudi Gutendorf during the past three years and Sir Arthur George during the past 10 have not greatly advanced Australian soccer.

Gutendorf's procrastination and Sir Arthur's errors of policy and selection of coaching personnel actually have weakened the game.

But Australian soccer is a far more sturdy creature than people give it credit for if they think two people can bring it down.

The strength of Australian soccer lies in its base which is firmly embedded at grass roots level — in junior soccer.

This base is little affected by what is happening at the top.

It is dependent on the numbers playing the game, the quality of the fields on which they play and the coaching they receive.

Few junior players will have heard of current Australian captain Murray Barnes, even less will remember the names Manfred Schaefer or Jim Mackay, the hero whose goal took us to West Germany, to the World Cup finals in 1974.

This is a huge flaw in the framework of our soccer, but it is a fact which works to our advantage at times of national team failure.

The fact is the junior game is growing in numbers by 10 percent per year.

This figure hardly altered in the year following our World Cup success in 1974.

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Time for youth

David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Peter Raskopoulos (Olympic), Paul Kay (Wollongong), Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Jim Patikas (Sydney City) and Dennis Iwanec (Dalmatinac) are among the youth players who should be brought into the Socceroo squad now that Australia has no chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals.

There is nothing to gain by continuing to play the senior squad. But there is much to gain by using the best of our youth players.

World Cup competition would give them invaluable experience for the world youth championships to be played here in October. The youth players have the talent to do well. That talent would be enhanced by big-match experience.

One youth player — Steve Blair — already has proved how capable this age group is. Mixed with the likes of Alan Davidson, Eddie Krncovic, Peter Sharne, Peter Katholos and a few others, the youth players surely would hold their heads high in the remaining matches against Indonesia, Taiwan and Fiji. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Lions next hurdle for Hakoah

Hakoah (Vic), the only State League club left in the Phillips Cup, has been drawn to meet Brisbane Lions in the quarter-finals in Brisbane, at 7.30 pm next Wednesday.

Hakoah will be strengthened by the return

of Graham French and Bill Jordanou after suspension, and Sean Rooney after injury.

In the only other quarter-final confirmed so far, Heidelberg Alexander will meet Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Park at 8 pm on Wednesday June 17.

Shoulder picks '82 squad

Australian Sports Institute coach Jim Shoulder has selected a 42-man squad from the recent Australian under 18 titles in Canberra, to prepare for the 1982-83 world youth championships.

The players are:

GOALKEEPERS Ross Barbera QSLD, Anthony Franken WA, Robert Kettensteiner VIC, David Miller SA, Aniello Veneri NSW.

FULL BACKS: Mike Barnett SA, Roy Jones WA, Paul de Marigny NSW, Darryl Pankhurst SA, Karl Simich WA, Paul Turner WA.

Fernandez NSW, Alan Hunter QLD, John Kovacs QLD, Andrew Young ACT.

MIDFIELD Vlado Bozovski VIC, Andrew Chapman QLD, Stan Dukic ACT, Luchi Fabrizio TAS, Piero Fragomeli SA, Raymond Junna QLD, Tom McCulloch NSW, Robbie McLachlan VIC, Alan Miller SA, Jim Patikas NSW, Marcello Salvo VIC, Warren Shipley NSW, Russell Stewart QLD, Brian Sweeney WA.

FORWARDS Rodney Brown NSW, Bruno Cozzella VIC, Brett Druey QLD, Ian Ferguson NSW, Graeme Fletcher NSW, Robert Green NSW.

Colin Iwanec VIC, Michael McQuinn

NZ wraps it up with 5-0

New Zealand made sure of winning the Oceania World Cup qualifying group by thrashing Indonesia 5-0 in Auckland last Saturday.

Its remaining matches are at home against lowly Taiwan and Fiji, meaning Australia now has no hope of overtaking the Kiwis.

Indonesia's Ronny Pattinasarany and Nurdiansyah were sent from the field by referee Graca Oliva of Portugal.

New Zealand striker Steve Woodin and Brian Turner gave the home side the halftime lead in bright sunshine before a crowd of 8000.

Pattinasarany was sent off after disputing with Oliva the validity of New Zealand's fourth goal, scored by Grant Turner.

Nurdiansyah left the field minutes later after realising against New Zealand substitute Adrian Elick after a tackle.

Both had been among seven Indonesians warned during the first half.

New Zealand will meet Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and China in the Asian play-off in Kuala Lumpur. The top two will go to Spain.

Scorers — Steve Woodin, Brian Turner, Grant Turner (2), Adrian Elick.

Let's see if States still have a voice



Rale Rasic

It is time for the States to show that they are still independent entities and that their bosses have minds of their own.

It is time that the ASF delegates of each State sit down with their State executives in serious, round-table discussions about the happenings of the past two weeks and indeed, about where soccer has gone in the past decade.

The ASF delegates should then be given the mandate to vote according to the executives' wishes, at the next ASF meeting, about what course the game should take.

Let them be bluffed no longer by the "telephone vote."

Only the ASF delegates, by showing independence and strength of character, can put right what is wrong with the code.

It is time for people who really know soccer to take it over. The unsuccessful ASF system of the moment must be forgotten completely.

I have a million people in this country play soccer, yet instead of concentrating on the future of that half million, the ASF at top level seems more concerned with soccer politics.

I would say that soccer has never been as political a game as it is today.

The track record of the administration speaks for itself. I have to smile when I look back at the start of the Gutendorf era. I remember Sir Arthur George's confident and satisfied look when Gutendorf spoke of his "attacking 4-4-2 system."

As it turned out, we found it more and more difficult to score goals despite an abundance of talented strikers. Yet before that, the ASF bosses had criticised the so-called "defensive football" that resulted in results like 6-0 v Indonesia, 2-0 v Uruguay, 2-2 v Santos, 3-1 v Greece, 3-1 v Iran and so on.

Six years and much money later, we are getting results nowhere near as good.

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KB's BRAINY GIRAFFE

Former New Zealand international Alf Stamp has been a conspicuous figure on the Newcastle KB substitutes' bench in recent weeks.

Stamp, 6ft 3in and 12 stone, possesses supreme ball skills and only the depth of talent which Alan Vest had at his call prevented the gangling Kiwi from making an earlier impact at PSL level.

Vest will be conscious of the fact that the Scottish-born forward prefers to entertain crowds with his own dazzling skill rather than fit into a rigid team discipline and therefore might well regard Stamp as a luxury the tight KB combination can still afford.

Stamp joined famous amateur club Queen's Park as a 16-year-old and played for them in the Scottish Second Division before moving to Partick Thistle in 1972.

Unfortunately there was no place available in the defensively-orientated Thistle first team and he was confined to reserve league football during the three years spent at Firhill Park.

Stamp happily responded to the overtures of Dunedin club Caversham as they sought recruits, having gained promotion to the New Zealand National League.

The amiable Scot quickly established himself as a favorite with fans throughout the country, belying his giraffe-like awkwardness with a rare ability and was rewarded with representative appearances against Sheffield United and Glasgow Rangers.

The ungainly appearance, long solo runs and on-field clowning earmarked the Caversham winger as the greatest character to emerge in New Zealand soccer for many years.

He had confirmed his status as a living legend of Otago soccer when a job transfer resulted in a move to Hamilton in 1977.

By PAUL MOON

During his initial year with the Wai-kato club, the Scot achieved a unique treble, gaining the New Zealand Footballer of the Year and Personality of the Year awards, plus the Arcus Trophy as the National League's best and fairest player.

An equally remarkable, though less enviable, hat-trick followed when, in successive years, he appeared for Hamilton, Eastern Suburbs and Blockhouse Bay, all of whom were relegated from the National League!

Making his international debut against England "B" in 1978, coming on as substitute in all three "tests", Stamp subsequently represented his adopted country against Norwich City, Australia, Fiji (twice) and New Caledonia.

It was a further job transfer that took the accountant to Newcastle and here he casually walked into a KB United pre-season training session and asked if he was in the right place for a game of football!

Appearing as an over-age player in the youth league, Stamp gained the affections of Raiders' fans following a dazzling display against Sydney City's youngsters.

Whether or not Vest plans to include him permanently in the PSL squad remains to be seen, perhaps it is significant that his one appearance to date came as a second-half substitute with Newcastle, enjoying a four-goal advantage over Preston Makedonia.

Irrespective of the role Stamp undertakes at Newcastle, he will doubtless prove the source of much entertainment to Northern New South Wales spectators.

His talents are not confined to the soccer paddock, though. An ardent quiz enthusiast, Stamp as a major prize winner on New Zealand television's equivalent of "Blankety Blanks."

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Kris Kalifatidis is determined to keep his name off the junior casualty list at South Melbourne Hellas.

After 153 first team games and an eight-year association with Hellas he was transferred earlier this year to Victorian State League club Northcote.

But he won't become one of the players that go no further than being promising juniors only to suddenly vanish into the obscurity of lower leagues.

That's the price some Hellas juniors must pay for being with a club which wants instant success.

"Hellas can't afford to build a team of young, promising players," said Kalifatidis.

"The supporters and the committee probably would like to develop a young side but they also want to enjoy the glory of success."

"I'm no longer with the club but I'll be back in PSL soccer, don't worry about that."

It hurt Kalifatidis to leave Hellas. He started as a junior with the under-13's.

And what a start to soccer he had! His first game was a semi-final of the JLMC under-13 cup. Hellas won 8-0 and the novice youngster scored five goals.

As a young soccer enthusiast Kalifatidis used to go to senior training and collect balls and have a kick with the Hellas players during the era of the great CON Nestoridis.

It was at one such training session that Bill Murray spotted the youngster and asked him to join the Hellas juniors.

Kalifatidis soon made his mark in junior soccer.

He represented Victoria at three national titles, twice as State captain, and the Vics won the title every time.

When Kalifatidis returned from the national under-16 titles in Perth, State coach Bill Curran recommended that the youngster step up into senior soccer.

That was in 1974, an important year in Kalifatidis' career. He won the top player award with the State under-16's and after sitting on the bench seven times he finally won his way into the Hellas first team for a full game against Heidelberg in which Hellas won 2-1.

The following year Kalifatidis played 36 first team games.

I'll be back, says Kris Kalifatidis

Kris Kalifatidis

"The other players at Hellas are a great bunch of guys but I felt that I wasn't wanted."

"Anyway, I needed a change. I'd been at Hellas a long time and in the end I was happy to join Northcote."

So ended an association with a club which had played a major part in Kalifatidis' life.

But there are great memories. Perhaps the greatest of all is the winning goal he scored in the unofficial Australian club championship against St. George in 1976.

The championship was a two-leg affair. Hellas went to Sydney and came away with a point but the players were bitterly disappointed with referee Tony Boskovic who blew for full time just seconds after Duncan Cummings had broken clear with only the St. George keeper to beat.

The second leg, at Olympic Park, was a thrilling affair.

Hellas scored first but the classy Saints, boasting many Socceros, hit back to level. There were a few minutes remaining when Hellas won a corner on the right. Jimmy Mackay strode toward the corner flag preparing to centre the ball.

Mackay drove the ball across toward the penalty spot where Arthur Xanthopoulos looked all set to head goalward.

"I had moved up with Arthur because this probably was our last chance to score," said Kalifatidis.

"I called out to him. He ducked under the ball and I volleyed it into the corner from the edge of the area."

It was a superb and decisive goal. As a spectator I was standing on the outer side of Olympic Park and within seconds there were more spectators on the ground than on the tarring.

It's a goal I'll never forget. Neither will Kalifatidis nor the overjoyed supporters decked out in blue and white.

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Lions a proving ground for Latchford

By PAUL MOON

Brisbane Lions' fans need have no fear that Bob Latchford will treat his forthcoming six match stint with the Queenslanders as a glorified working holiday.

Latchford has just recovered from an injury that kept him out of First Division soccer since last November and will be eager to confirm himself fully fit and equal to the challenge of the next English season.

The Everton striker is the most illustrious member of a formidable footballing family, his brothers Peter and Dave having kept goal for Glasgow Celtic and Motherwell respectively.

Making his debut with home town club Birmingham City in 1968, he gained a youth international cap within a year.

It wasn't until the 1971-72 season however that the footballing world began to take note of the powerful six footer.

Latchford, the Second Division's leading scorer, formed a dynamic striking force with Trevor Francis and Bob

Hatton which powered the Midlands club to promotion and the F.A. Cup semi finals.

His bustling, uncompromising style persuaded Everton to break the British transfer record in 1974.

In exchange for Latchford, Birmingham received two players valued at \$340,000 plus \$160,000 cash.

One of the players involved, Howard Kendall, had established himself as an external favorite at Everton, therefore the newcomer had to win over an initially resentful crowd at Goodison Park.

This he duly did, being the club's leading goalscorer in four successive campaigns.

Thirty goals in 1977 — 78 earned Latchford a \$20,000 prize from the "Daily Express" newspaper, offered to the first player reaching this target. The booty was gener-

ously shared with his team mates.

On the whole life at Everton in recent years has been frustrating for all connected with the club which has been unable to emerge from under the awesome shadow of arch-rival Liverpool and win a major title.

Twice Latchford's team has been beaten in F.A. Cup semi finals and in the 1976-77 Football League Cup final it succumbed to Aston Villa.

After six England under-23 appearances the Everton for-

ward graduated to full international status in 1978, playing in the vital World Cup encounter with Italy at Wembley.

Eleven more caps followed, only for Latchford's international career to be halted during a period of inactivity caused by a contractual dispute with his club.

No sooner had this been resolved when injury struck in the midst of an encounter with Sunderland.

Now, hopefully, the 30 year old is completely recovered and will be eager to use his lions' stint as the springboard to an international come-back.



Bob Latchford, Everton star for Lions.

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Marton's goals bring fans back to St George

By PETER SCOTT

Not many players from State League clubs have managed to break out of the shadow of PSL activity in recent years and become stars in their own right.

One such rarity has appeared on the horizon in Sydney. He is an unlikely candidate; 32 years old and with the hurly-burly of European soccer imprinted on his features and, especially, his legs.

Nonetheless, Des Marton is becoming a household name as news of his amazing goal-scoring exploits in St George Budapest colors spread far and wide.

And little wonder! The stocky striker has scored almost 20 goals so far this year — with many, many more on the cards.

Don't let Marton's and St George's scoring spree surprise you — bonuses are doled out on the basis of goals scored this year.

Other teams, please follow!

Des came to Australia in the wake of coaching maestro Frank Arak's return to the Budapest fold this season.

Marton spent the early part of his career in Yugoslavia Third Division football in the Vojvodina area, a goldmine of ethnic Hungarian talent for decades.

In the five years prior to his arrival in Sydney, Marton played for famous Second Division club Spartak Subotica.

When, nearing the twilight of his career, Arak contacted him, Marton grabbed the chance for an Australian venture and quickly signed a two-year contract.

Left behind in Yugoslavia was his wife Maria and three young children.

"I wanted to see what Sydney is like and so far I like what I see," Des confides.

He is settled into a job and into the St George team and is busy studying English.

Later this year he hopes to bring his family to Sydney.

Of State League soccer he doesn't have a very high opinion, with only a couple of teams impressing him to any extent.

"But it's fun to be playing, and playing well, with team mates around me who are willing to help," Des said in what was probably the first interview "Soccer Action" ever has conducted in Hungary.

"What's more, we are still improving: Frank is constantly working on new things, surprise tactical moves."

"His motto is — Attack, Attack, Attack, and in the Coca Cola State League we are drawing up the blueprints for our future success in the PSL."

"Quite a few teams will be surprised by the good use we will make of this year's 'apprenticeship' among the big boys in 1992."

As for the State League, Des does not see too many traces of tactical development or even excessive use of imaginative methods.

But, of course, St George has also had a couple of major disappointments, in the Ampol and Philips Cups.

Two losses suffered against inferior opposition hurt badly, especially the one against Canterbury-Marrickville in the Philips Cup, as it deprived the Saints of lucrative clashes against PSL opponents in the latter round.

"Even we don't know how it happened; a little bit of bad luck, plus some silly mistakes."

"Both cup matches we were on the attack for 80 minutes, but that all-important final punch was missing."

"Frankly, I think that in the special atmosphere of cup tie football our team just got a bit over-excited."

Marton believes the losses pushed the club back into the doldrums a little. "We haven't played as attractively as we can since then, but we still got the results — and the rest will come in good time."

He might be missing out on some of this revival: Marton is side-lined with a cracked bone in his foot, the result of an overly "enthusiastic" tackle in a recent match.

Couch Arak is fuming about it, claiming that as soon as Marton started making his mark as a player somewhat out of the ordinary State League mould, the chopping started.

"Every time he gets going the boots fly in his direction."

How is he taking it?

"Too well, I'm afraid. Des must become a bit harder and let his opponents know he is around, just as Ernie Campbell does, for instance."

"Nobody butchers Ernie," Arak pointed out with emphasis.

Butcherer apart, Des Marton could become a major gain for Sydney soccer.

He is a very "young" 32 and could have several good years left in him.

More important, he is the type of player who attracts attention, something immediately obvious with St George.

"The crowds are coming back, I'm told; all the Hungarian fans we lost in recent years are reclaiming their places on the terraces."

"They support the team wholeheartedly and it is nice to be surrounded by this familiar atmosphere so far from home."



Des Marton (right) with St. George team-mate Velizar Kanacki.

He's played with the best

"There are two great teams on Merseyside," Bill Shankly once observed. "Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves!"

Shankly's remark was obviously a none-too-subtle dig at local rival Everton, but there can be no disputing the awesome ability of the second-string combination.

During the past 11 seasons Liverpool Reserves have been champions of the Central League nine times. Jeff Ainsworth, Wollongong City's defender, was involved in five of those campaigns.

In total Ainsworth made 112 appearances for the Anfield "stiffs", scoring 10 goals.

Although unable to break into the first team squad, he played alongside some of the great names in British football including Sammy Lee, David Johnson, Alan Hansen, Jimmy Case, Steve Heighway, Phil Thompson, Terry McDermott.

A steady, consistent if unspectacular performer, Ainsworth has proved a prime reason for Wollongong's impressive debut in PSL.

— PAUL MOON



Jeff Ainsworth

Emlyn Hughes, Alan Kennedy, Ian Callaghan, David Fairclough, Joey Jones, Tommy Smith, Graeme Souness, John Toshack, Peter Cormack, Alec Lindsay, Phil Neal, Brian Hall and Chris Lawler.

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GRANT TURNER TO OLYMPIC?

New Zealand striker Grant Turner has been approached by Sydney Olympic and appears likely to sign for Tommy Docherty's club early next year.

Turner (pictured), 22, an aggressive, bustling striker, impressed spectator Docherty during the Kiwis' opening World Cup game, in which he scored and generally caused a lot of problems in the Soccer's penalty area.

The Wellington born forward is enjoying an outstanding domestic season, having scored eight goals from seven games and leading the Arcus Trophy, New Zealand's equivalent of the JAT Player of the Year Award.

He has been a major factor in Gisborne City's runaway lead in the Rothmans' National League.



Turner is already committed to a two month trial with English Third Division club Doncaster Rovers commencing in September when his current contract with Gisborne lapses.

There is little doubt that Turner would prefer Sydney to the totally alien South Yorkshire and he met Olympic officials after the New Zealand party's arrival from Jakarta.

Gisborne City coach Kevin Fallon has indicated that his

club would seek a transfer fee in the region of \$16,000, however in September Turner will be a free agent and, presumably, Olympic would be under no financial obligation to the Poverty Bay club.

Docherty also liked the look of Ricky Herbert and Steve Wooddin, however regards Turner as having the greater potential of the trio.

Olympic's coach was less impressed with one New Zealander — Richard Wilson.

In his broad Glaswegian tones, Docherty likened Wilson to a crocus ("He only comes out once a year") and to Dracula ("He dismays like crosses!").

Thankfully the Scot did not get the opportunity to observe former Kiwi keeper Prevan Jeram who was nicknamed "The Salmon" as he invariably ended up in the net, otherwise we would have been subjected to Docherty's entire repertoire of goalkeeper jokes.

— PAUL MOON



The star of New Zealand's World Cup campaign, Steve Wooddin.



English international Mike Channon, who arrives on Friday to start a six game guest player stint with Newcastle KB Newc.

We need Hakoah identity: Souness

Australia, the Lucky Country! Many doubt the description, but not young Sydney City Hakoah star Ian Souness.

The former Chelsea apprentice professional is in his third season of football in Australia and in recent weeks he has blossomed into one of the best performers in the PSL.

Dynamic, determined, explosive, brilliant and numerous other adjectives have been used to describe his performances first as right back and then as midfielder.

Souness, still only 22, showed tons of promise when he joined the Blues in 1979, but last year wasn't a vintage season.

So what caused the major improvement in 1981?

"I had family problems after getting married last year, which led to separation from my wife in February."

"She returned to London and we faced up to starting our separate lives again, as a result of which I have a lot of the pressures off me now and my hunger for soccer has returned," Souness said over a coffee at the Hakoah Club in Bondi.

In his work, too, he has achieved much, promoted to a junior executive position with Presto Smallgoods, sponsors of the team.

"At my age I couldn't dream of holding down a similar position if I were still back in England," he said.

Presto and its managing director Andrew Lederer have been good to Souness and a long string of other players from the Hakoah stables over the years, including Ken Boden and Kevin Mullen.

Now Souness is seeking permanent residency and naturalisation.

By PETER SCOTT

"It is every player's ambition to represent his country — and I want to be a Soccer."

In spite of brilliant midfield efforts in recent weeks, especially against Newcastle, Souness confessed to a certain disappointment at being moved from the right back position to make way for Kevin Mullen.

"Coach Eddie Thomson has a very good squad, with plenty to choose from and the pressure is always on, especially as with Agie Munnah about to return from injury."

"And Agie is definitely fit again; he came through an eight mile run with the rest of us this week."

Souness would rather play at full-back, where "the whole game is in front of you and things are generally more composed."

He is a keen observer of the Australian soccer scene and displays a detachment not generally noticeable among individuals intimately involved with the sport.

Ian is convinced soccer has been getting stronger each of the three years he has been here, at least in the playing department.

His father and mother, recent visitors from England, were amazed at the standard of the PSL.

But he does bemoan the lack of tradition in Australian soccer.

"Surprisingly and without any hints, prompting or questioning by 'Soccer Action' — he voiced the opinion that 'giving the clubs new names was the worst move'."

"In our case we have given it two years now without any success."

"Where do we go from here?" he asked.

Souness said the players at Sydney City will go through "hellfire" for the men running the club, "after all they pay us", but he is deeply concerned about the current state of affairs.

"Maybe a census of soccer fans would be useful and help improve the club's following."

"We are still trying very, very hard to establish the Sydney City identity right now," he volunteered.

In his short Australian career the compact little full-back-cum-midfielder played under two coaches, Gerry Chish and Eddie Thomson, and professes great respect for both.

"Gerry was good to me and I will always remember that Kevin Mullen and I — not matter how our form was — were always automatic choices in his team."

"I appreciated his confidence in me and feel that it is a great shame to have a coach of his ability and knowledge out of the game."

He has similar high praise for Thomson, and particularly enjoys the variety in his coaching methods.

"If we played elsewhere I believe we would have much larger crowds flocking to our games, but it looks like the club least supporters since dropping the Hakoah tag," he said.

"However, once we are on the pitch we tend not to take notice of the stands — the team is fully occupied by the task at hand, winning the game!"

"That's what we concentrate on and this is what has been winning the club title after title for many years."

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wishes Croydon success in '81

There comes a time in the life of every club which aspires to succeed when the club's hierarchy must decide between settling for the tag of an "established" club or going all out to win a championship or cup which would stamp it as "successful".

That time has come for Victorian State League club Croydon.

The State League championship or a major cup such as the Dockerty Cup is the target of Croydon in 1981.

That's the decision taken by Croydon's committee and accepted by coach Bill McArthur.

Croydon was formed in 1968 by enthusiastic players and supporters of many nationalities.

Its progress over the years has been made possible by close co-operation between the club and local Croydon council; a strong, active, management committee and a series of treasurers

who never have allowed the club to get out of its depth financially.

Croydon started in Third Division but was relegated to Fourth Division in 1965.

The club won promotion back to Third Division in 1967 then jumped up to Second Division in 1972.

Promotion to First Division came in 1975 and three years later Croydon won its way into State League.

It also won the Cumberland and Winfield Cups the same year.

Coaches over the years have included Aldo Deferno, Bill Oliver, Trevor Williams, Trevor Owen (1966, 67, 68, 69, 72), Andy Wilson (1970), Ted Dilworth (1974), Jack McDaid (1976), Mick Plunkett (1977, 78), Norm Hobson (1975, 79, 80) and present coach McArthur.

Cheong Park was

Croydon's first ground, then the club moved to Croydon Park which was upgraded in the late 60's and Hughes Park became Croydon's interim home ground.

Croydon returned to Croydon Park in 1970 and midway through the 70's this ground was upgraded to include clubrooms which can seat 250 people.

Currently Croydon is working on a restaurant as an appendage of the clubrooms and once completed a la carte dining will be available on Friday and Saturday night and on match day, commonly Sunday.

New headquarters will

be established at Trawalla Road, behind the Dorset Gardens Hotel.

The future is decidedly bright for Croydon.

The club has worked hard to establish itself both on and off the field.

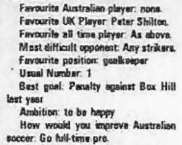
Below the players upon whom Croydon's hopes of success rest heavily — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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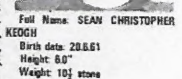
— aiming for the championship in '81



Full Name: MICHAEL EDWARDS
Birth Date: 25.11.49
Height: 6ft 11in
Weight: 131 stone
Occupation: Gas serviceman
Married: No
Previous clubs: Ringwood City
Favourite other sport: Water skiing and tennis
Hobbies: reading
Likes: good football matches
Dislikes: ignorant people
Favourite Australian ground: Middle Park stadium
Favourite Australian player: none
Favourite UK player: Peter Shilton
Favourite all-time player: As above
Most difficult opponent: Any strikers
Favourite position: goalkeeper
Usual number: 1
Best goal: Penalty against Box Hill last year
Ambition: to be happy
How would you improve Australian soccer: Go full-time pro
Biggest thrill: Winning all three medals in First Division promotion year which no other club has done
Biggest disappointment: Losing Dockerty Cup semi final
Most admired sportsman: Muhammad Ali

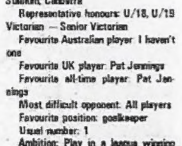


Full Name: JIM SPINK
Birth Date: 11.4.57
Height: 5ft 7in
Weight: 11st
Occupation: Supervisor
Married: No
Previous clubs: Forfar Ath, Forfar Athletic
Favourite other sport: most sports
Hobbies: squash, golfing
Likes: driving
Dislikes: Don Lane, poor drivers
Biggest influence on career: Uncle Bob
Favourite Australian ground: Olympic Park (No. 1)
Representative honours: none
Favourite Australian player: Alan Pugh
Favourite UK player: Kenny Dalglish
Favourite all-time player: Bobby Charlton, George Best
Most difficult opponent: Dave Cooper (formerly Clydebank, now with Rangers)
Favourite position: Right-back
Usual number: 2
Best goal: Every goal (They're few and far between)
Ambition: to play in England



Full Name: SEAN CHRISTOPHER
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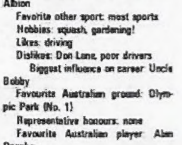
Occupation: clerk
Married: No
Previous Clubs: Waverley, Slavia, South Melbourne
Favourite other sport: All sports
Hobbies: Skiing, basketball, cars
Likes: Winning
Dislikes: losing
Biggest influence on career: father
Favourite Australian ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra
Representative honours: U/18, U/19 Victorian — Senior Victorian
Favourite Australian player: I haven't one
Favourite UK player: Pat Jennings
Favourite all-time player: Pat Jennings
Most difficult opponent: All players
Favourite position: goalkeeper
Usual number: 1
Ambition: Play in a league winning side
How would you improve Australian soccer: better coaching standard
Biggest thrill: Being chosen for the Aust. Youth Squad
Biggest disappointment: Not making the final side because I was too old
Most admired sportsman: Geoff Hunt



Full Name: ALLAN ROBERT PONGHO
Birth Date: 9.7.53
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 11 stone 2 pounds
Occupation: Carpenter
Married: Yes
Previous clubs: Ringwood City, Mooroolbark
Favourite other sport: Football
Hobbies: none
Likes: watching football
Dislikes: Football LA
Biggest influence on career: dad
Favourite Australian ground: Olympic Park
Representative honours: none
Favourite Australian player: Mick Plunkett
Favourite all-time player: George Best
Most difficult opponent: all
Favourite position: sweeping
Usual number: 4
Best goal: none
Ambition: To be happy and successful
How would you improve Australian soccer: More emphasis on juniors
Biggest thrill: Promotion for Mooroolbark and Croydon
Most admired sportsman: "Handshake" Harry White



Full Name: MARK RADCLIFFE BROWN
Birth Date: 15.8.1961
Height: 5ft 7in
Weight: 10 1/2 stone
Occupation: Bank officer
Married: No
Previous clubs: None
Hobbies: Snooker, graphics
Likes: Saturday games, home games
Dislikes: Sunday games, losing
Biggest influence on career: Parents
Favourite Australian ground: Olympic Park
Representative honours: Victoria, U14, U16
Favourite Australian player: Gary Cole
Favourite UK player: Kevin Keegan
Favourite all-time player: Pele
Most difficult opponent: Tommy Curran



Full Name: PAUL WADE
Birth Date: 20.3.62
Height: 6ft
Weight: 10 1/2 stone
Occupation: draftsman
Married: No
Previous clubs: Dandenong, Doveton, Slavia
Favourite other sport: tennis
Hobbies: Soccer
Likes: English fish and chips wrapped in newspaper
Dislikes: losing
Biggest influence on career: Dad
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Usual number: 8
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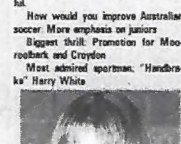
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Biggest thrill: Coming to Australia
Biggest disappointment: getting injured and not being able to play
Most admired sportsman: Johan Cruyff



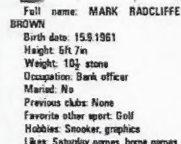
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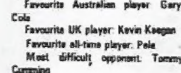
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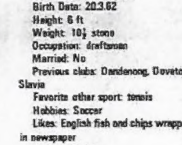


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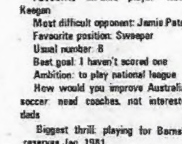
Favourite position: Fullback
Usual number: 2
Best goal: Against Moreland in Cumberland Cup final
Ambition: Play as well as possible
How would you improve Australian soccer: Improve coaching and playing facilities
Biggest thrill: Scoring in Cumberland Cup final
Biggest disappointment: Losing goal to Essendon in 1978 Ampol Cup
Most admired sportsman: Muhammad Ali



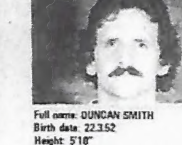
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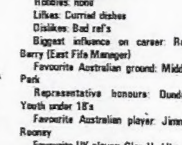
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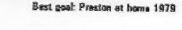
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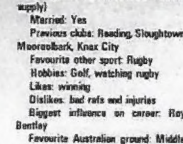


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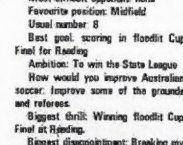
Ambition: To win honour in State League
How would you improve Australian soccer: Improve kid skills
Biggest thrill: Scoring first goal in Scottish first division
Biggest disappointment: Losing 5th round Scottish Cup to Hearts
Most admired sportsman: Kevin Keegan
Biggest regret: Changing clubs in early years of career



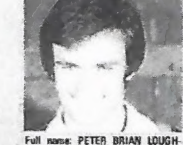
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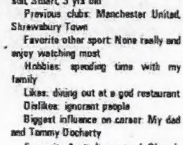
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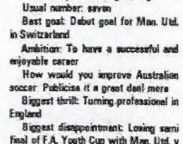
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Dislikes: losing
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Full Name: DAVID BROGAN
Birth Date: 26.2.53
Height: 5ft 10in
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Shooting contest!

AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 29th, Davidson 33rd). INDONESIA 0 at Olympic Park, crowd about 8000, Oceania Group World Cup qualifying match.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8 — Perry 7 (inj sub Katholos 76th), Blair 8, Yzendoorn 7, Tansey 8 — Henderson 8, Barnes 8, Davidson 8 — Sharne 7, Kosmina 8, Cole 8.

INDONESIA: Poerwano 6 — Rumahpasa 8, Suharno 7, Pattinasarany 7, Dharmadi 4 — Tuturirama 4 (Tonoto 4, half time), Subankit 7, Wakanu 8, Effendi 8 — Neri 5 (Duaramuri 71st), Nurdiansya 8.

Referee: V. Gacile-Olive (Portugal) 8.

This was not as much a great performance as a contest among the Socceros about who could score the most goals.

Play invariably stopped about five metres outside the penalty area, from where long range shots were driven in from all angles to further frazzle the nerves of besieged goalkeeper Poerwano.

Those shots were launched even when constructive runs were being made into the penalty area by other players.

The Socceros admitted after the game that they had wanted to score. The killer instinct surged through them after John Kosmina had shot them into the lead in the 29th minute.

Alan Davidson, one of the stars of the match, confirmed our opinion when he said after the game that had the Socceros not been so impatient, they may have found openings for 10 goals instead of only two.

John Kosmina was the maestro of attack in the first half, darting into space and receiving low passes which enabled him either to turn to go, or lay off to a team mate.

Ground passes rarely came to Kosmina in the second half, so Australia's play lost this dimension.

But scoring chances — be they from crosses, long shots or whatever — were abundant. Indonesia, in comparison, managed only two — a 38th minute header by Zulfan Effendi which brought the first save from Alan Maher, and a miss from Bambang Nurdiansyah from two metres after substitute Mettu Duaramuri had wriggled inside from the left just before the end of the game.

Indonesia's counter-attack plan failed hopelessly, not so much because of stout marking by Steve Blair, Steve Perry and John Yzendoorn, but rather because the Indonesians usually were stopped in midfield before they could threaten danger.

Tassie steps out of the wilderness

TASMANIA 2 (Nunn 48th., Ambrosino 65th) VICTORIAN YOUTH COMBINATION at Olympic Park.

TASMANIA: P. Kannegeisser — Hey, Conlan, Nunn, S. Kannegeisser — Fabrizio (Hughes), Peters, Gleeson (Payne), O'Sullivan (Ambrosino) — Scheibl, Oaks.

VICTORIAN YOUTH: Gilbert (Kattenstainer) — Petrakos, Parton (Tairia), Wade (Baranic), Trafficante — McLeod (Valentine), Nicolaidis, Goutzioulis (Curovic) — Pichner, Little, Incantalupo.

Tasmania started its climb out of the soccer wilderness with this victory in the curtain-raiser to the World Cup game at Olympic Park last week.

Coach Steve Darby fielded a "state of origin" team which had trained together once a week for five weeks.

It will play a Tasmanian "Rest of the World" side at the KGB ground in Hobart on June 21. It has been asked to visit Queensland and a suitable date is being sought for a match against Jimmy Shouler's Institute of Sport team from Canberra.

Darby hopes that his State team will not only fly the flag for Tasmanian soccer but also provide extra motivation to State League players aspiring to representative soccer.

Best of the Tasmanians were left back Steve Kannegeisser of Rapid West Point and left flanker Angelo Ambrosino from the Institute of Sport.

Ambrosino made a remarkable difference to the Tasmanians when he came on at half time. He took advantage of poor positioning by the goalkeeper to score with a well-measured lob, and he completely dominated the left side.

The Victorian, coached by Bill Curran, were a mixture of former youth team players and members of the side that played in the Australian under 18 championships in Canberra the previous weekend.

They were most disappointing, displaying no link at all between midfield and attack where the forwards stood around shivering for long periods.

Darby's men displayed a highly unusual free kick play early in the game. Two men would run towards the man taking the kick, complaining and yelling at him. While the opposing defenders laugh and lose their concentration, Willy Peters ghosts in at the far post, and the free kick is sent over to him.

In this case, Larry Nunn took the kick. Peters rose for the header but goalkeeper Gilbert got up higher to push it out. Mark Oaks rammed the ball into the net but the referee ruled Peters had fouled Gilbert.

Another free kick resulted in Tasmania's first goal, eight minutes after half time. Steve Kannegeisser ran over the ball and Nunn rammed it low into the net despite the presence of a wall in front of him.

Then Scheibl played a fine through ball for Oaks who chased and cut it back off the line, across the goal to Ambrosino whose lob over the goalkeeper hit the crossbar.

A few minutes later Ambrosino caught the goalkeeper too far off his line and lobbed the ball expertly over him, into the net. Oaks

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Chong said goalkeeper Poerwano had been "not at his best" and marking in the penalty area had not been close enough, especially in the case of Kosmina's goal.

He praised Australia's fast play and its defence but predicted that Indonesia would win the return match in Jakarta on August 30.

An independent view came from BBC commentator Hugh Johns, who narrated the match as part of his guest stint with Channel O.

"Australia showed a lot of honest endeavour and fighting spirit. There was not much wrong that couldn't be improved with half an hour of shooting practice. I thought the long shot was a good tactic because the 'keeper so often dropped the ball."

The match was able to go ahead only after the Olympic Park Management Committee had hired four generators at a cost of \$900 to compensate for the SEC power restrictions.

The rousing "Soccer, Soccer" song set the scene and once again "Kickaburra" the Coca-Cola mascot for the world youth championships, delighted the kids by "warming up" with the Australian team.

The first corner highlighted Australia's aerial superiority as Steve Blair rose for a towering header that was deflected for a second corner by Poerwano.

Indonesian captain Ronny

Pattinasarany was the first casualty. He clashed with Murray Barnes and was given treatment by the trainers before resuming.

Kosmina's influence started very early. After running at the defence, he laid the ball back for a strong drive by Barnes. Then he laid one off for Tony Henderson shot instead. Poerwano stopped the ball, dropped it but got it back. That was to happen so often, the Socceros fired in their most ferocious shots, hoping that Poerwano's luck would run out.

Poerwano took Barnes's shot with a second grab, Davidson lashed one over the bar, Kosmina fired from long range and when Kosmina tried to get through on the ground after a low ball from Jim Tansey, he was closed down well by Pattinasarany and Subankit.

Indonesia's first significant attack was 20 minutes in the making. Bert Tuturirama beat Tansey on his wing and played it inside for Zylhan Effendi whose shot was blocked by Steve Blair.

In the 21st minute, Kosmina headed a Tansey cross forward, Gary Cole clashed it and cut it square, and Kosmina tucked it into the net but the linesman flagged offside.

Poerwano dived at a square ball from Peter Sharne but fumbled it. Luckily Pattinasarany was there to snap it away.

Cole raced into the penalty area with little opposition in front of him but the ball swerved off the side of his left boot and over the touchline. On a better day Cole may have finished this match with a hat-trick.

In the 28th minute Sharne zoomed away down the left wing and although he was boxed in by two defenders, he somehow squeezed clear and angled a cross towards Kosmina at the far post. However, Suharno rose in front of Kosmina for a strong clearing header.

Then came the first goal.

Poerwano could only parry a strong shot by Kosmina, and the ball rolled loose outside the penalty area on the right. Cole chased it and cut it back. Barnes bustled his way past two tackles before the ball ran to Kosmina who belted it in from 15 metres.

The second goal came only four minutes later.

As a sustained Australian attack appeared to be breaking down, Davidson zeroed in on the ball just outside the area and hit a sizzling shot over the crowded defence, over Poerwano, just under the bar near the top far corner.

The goal caused utter dejection among the Indonesians, but after a few minutes their punctured pride pushed them forward. A free kick to Didik Dahmadri was headed over the bar by Steve Perry for a corner, and then Maher had to dive low to save Effendi's header.

But Australia was quickly into attack. Barnes barged past two opponents and ham-



Alan Davidson: man of match

Peter Katholos: first game

mered a shot which spun out of Poerwano's arms, over his own head, but Poerwano swiveled quickly and caught the ball before it could land over the line.

Davidson tried for a second miraculous goal but this time Poerwano dived at the near post and touched the ball past one-handed for a corner.

Only a minute after the interval, Kosmina was fouled resulting in a penalty to Australia.

Cole took it, as usual, but his shot was not wide enough of Poerwano, who punched it clear with one fist. Davidson moved in quickly to make amends, but Cole got to it first and, horror of horrors, booted it over the bar!

Within minutes, Cole played a fine through ball which Barnes ran onto but Barnes missed from five metres. He was offside anyway.

Cole, trying hard to make up for his mistake, volleyed strongly past the post, and then Sharne shot high after breaking through on Tansey's cross.

A hook shot by Blair from a Sharne corner landed in the

arms of Poerwano and in the 66th minute Cole hit Poerwano from four metres.

Poerwano dropped two shots by Henderson within a minute but Cole and Sharne respectively were fractionally late in closing in.

Indonesia's star forward, Rully Neri, had done very little, so coach Chong replaced him with Mettu Duaramuri in the 71st minute.

Scheinflug also was forced to make a change when Perry received a heavy knock to an ankle and was carried off for treatment on the touchline. Peter Katholos came on for his first Socceros appearance, while Davidson dropped back to Perry's full back position.

A refreshing low pass was played by Henderson in the 84th minute, enabling Sharne to break through in a promising attack, but Simson Rumahpasa moved in with a sliding tackle that sent the ball back to Poerwano.

In the last attack of the game, Kosmina was denied a goal by Poerwano's outstretched foot which sent the ball spinning up in the air and over the crossbar.

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LICANIN TO J.U.S.T.

Nebolisa Licanin, a forward who has played for Partizan Belgrade and Greek club Aris, arrived on Wednesday morning to join Footscray J.U.S.T. He will play his first game against Blacktown at Schindler Reserve on Sunday.

Amazing goal kills KB



MATCH RATING 8

Newcastle KB 1
Sydney Olympic 2.

Scorers: Jennings, Wilson (SO); Mountford (N).
Ground: International Sports.
Weather: Windy.
Referee: A. Rodway 7.
NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7 - Reaney 7, Bertone 7, Drinkwater 7, H. Trudnick 6, McClelland 6, Sankalski 7, Mason 6 - Mountford 7 (inj), Heys 80th, Storey 6, Jones 8.
OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7 (inj), Meier 84th, Moulis 6, Zins 8, Rowden 7, Palmer 6 - Cross 6, Raskopoulos 6 - K. Wilson 7, Koussas 6, Cotton 7, Jennings 8.

It took an amazing second half goal from Graham Jennings to seal KB's fate.
The Olympic winger got inside Malcolm McClelland but looked to be on an impossible angle near the by-line.
Almost unbelievably Jennings' shot grazed the crossbar then hit the far post and rebounded across the line.
Olympic was getting caught square early and the KB plan was to isolate Danny Moulis who couldn't cope with the speed of David Jones.

The KB winger regularly got inside Moulis then cut the ball back.
In the first 30 seconds a Jones cross to the far post was headed wide by McClelland. Three minutes later, McClelland again failed when he shot wide, again from a Jones cross.

But Bob Mountford didn't waste Jones's work. He was at the far post to head the locals into a 15th minute lead which was lost three minutes before half time when a long ball floated in from Olympic's left eluded the KB defence and left Ken Wilson who levelled KB keeper Clint Gosling had elected to stay on his line.

Strangely KB stopped feeding Jones who was rarely sighted in the second half.
Newcastle should be strengthened by the return of Kiwi captain Steven Sumner in time for Sunday's game against Heidelberg.

Sadly though Col Curran's star studded career could be ended due to a crippling groin injury which the veteran defender seems unable to completely shake off.

Peter Katholos has served his one match suspension and will be back for Olympic's big clash with APIA Leichhardt on Sunday.

Time for change

From page one

In fact against New Zealand soccer was at rock bottom. Not West Germany, not Uruguay, not the English FA side, not Wolves or Pele himself are as us through a soccer season as did New Zealand.

Why? Quite simply because we do not have a team even for a \$600,000 investment by the ASF. Gutendorf took the time over his preparation of a team but it all got back to a system and the fact that the ASF condoned whatever he intended to do.

And the ASF actually ignored a report by ASF vice-president Vic Tuting who led for Gutendorf's dismissal after the world tour it year.

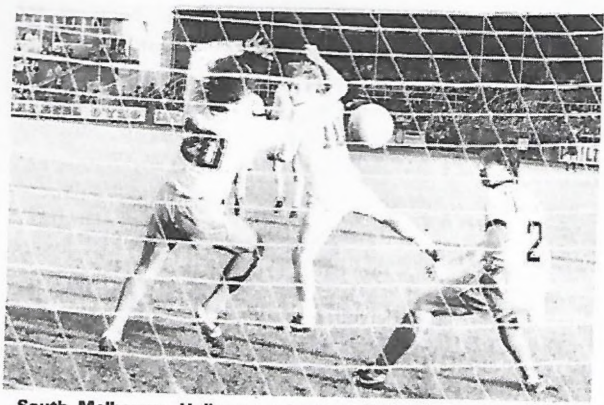
I live for the game, I started play it as a boy, I have loved it professionally, and I like my living from it, so I am entitled to raise my voice. I say the ASF is to

blame for the mess in which soccer finds itself. I want the States to listen not only to me, but to the unanimous call for change which is sweeping the country.

Did the Socceros play for Australia or for Rudi Gutendorf? Are they now playing for Les Scheffling and were they actually playing against Gutendorf? Let's hope not. There would be no excuse for such a thing.

Concluding this subject, I repeat what I have said earlier. There have been too many Toms, Dicks and Harrys involved with national team duties.

If the present administration continues to close its eyes, we will never recover. As I have said before, so many people work in soccer, but not many work for soccer. That is good advice to the ASF at the present time.



South Melbourne Hellas captain Alun Evans (centre) levels with this header against Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park. But the joy of the Hellas fans was shortlived as Hakoah demolished the previously unbeaten Hellas to the tune of 3-1.

Five in a row for Adelaide City

W. Adl. Hellas 0
Adelaide City 3

Scorers: Marocchi 32nd, Russell 40th, Northcote 71st.
Cautions: Boyle, Forde, Bozanic (West); Mella (AC).
Crowd: 6,328
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium
Weather: Wet and cold.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 - Marochi 6 (Ingl), Forde 7, Kambas 7, McKie 6 - Bozanic 5, Boyle 5, Brown 6 - Manecas 5 (Wright 39th), Norris 5, Honeyman 7.
ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 - Russell 9, Jones 5, Parin 8, B. Nyskohus 8 - Marocchi 7, Mella 7, Manou 7 - Northcote 8, J. Nyskohus 8, Mitchell 8.

This was supposed to be the game where West Adelaide was to stop Adelaide City's sequence of wins.

Since 1979 City has won all four PSL matches, allowing West only one goal.

Not only did City make it five in a row, but it also equalled its best ever PSL win against West - 4-1 in 1977, also at Hindmarsh Stadium.

City was in control from the kick off. It attacked at every opportunity and tore West's paper thin defence to shreds.

David Mitchell, equal to any striker in the PSL, despite his 18-years, found gaps twice in West's defence in the first five minutes but Martyn Crook saved well on both occasions.



Brian Turner heads New Zealand's second goal against Indonesia in Auckland on Saturday. The other two New Zealanders are Grant Turner (left) and Rick Herbert. The Indonesian in the foreground is Subankit.

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SYDNEY CITY SUPREME!

Sth Melb Hellas 1
Sydney City 3
Hakoah 3

Venue: Middle Park
Crowd: About 8000
Goals: Syd. C.: Bruce 49th; Boden 64th & 86th; SM: Evans 59th.
Referee: Kerr 6
Cautions: Bannon (SM), Barnes (SC).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leunets 5 - V. Bannon 6, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 6 (inj), Lutton 5, half time, Davidson 6 - Stevenson 5 (inj), Cummings 69th, Shirra 5, Rogers 6 - Christopoulos 5, Evans 6, Buljevic 5.
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 - Mullen 7 (inj), Cant 67th, O'Connor 5, Spanos 7, Bruce 7 - Watson 8 (inj), Murray 73rd, Patikas 8, Souness 8, Barnes 8 - Kosmina 6, Boden 7.

Sydney City Hakoah staked a strong claim to the 1981 Phillips League championship by beating league leader South Melbourne Hellas 3-1 at Middle Park.

It was Hellas's first defeat in 13 games this year.

Sydney City was faster to the ball in all positions and worked conscientiously on closing down the Hellas players as soon as they got the ball.

This harassment threw Hellas out of its normally relaxed stride and forced many errors.

Extra effort was required to offset Sydney City's total commitment but the effort was lacking notably in many players.

Two Sydney City goals resulted from bad mistakes by

Crook however must not be blamed in any way for this defeat. He was again in fine form and if it were not for him City would have quite easily doubled its score.

City coach Bob D'Ottavi was obviously pleased with his team's performance.

City did not have one passenger; everybody contributed in a performance which would have reduced better teams than West to rubble.

Quite seriously, this City team is quite capable of beating New Zealand.

It has few deficiencies. D'Ottavi's only problem is keeping his men on a psychological high. He must not allow them to become complacent.

The key men in this victory were Bobby Russell, the best full back in Australia, Mitchell, John Perin and Brian Northcote.

It was Gary Marocchi who opened the scoring in the 32nd minute with a powerful strike from 18 metres.

Eight minutes later a defensive error allowed Russell to shoot high into the net to make it 2-0.

Brian Northcote wrapped the match up in the 71st minute when he capped off a dazzling move which involved Mella and Mitchell.

Northcote who had been plagued with injuries all season sprinted into the penalty area, drew Crook off his line and slotted it past him.

Hellas equalised ten minutes later. Christopoulos headed a corner from Jim Shirra into the penalty area where Evans flicked it into goal with a glancing header.

Sydney City went back into the lead in the 44th minute as Boden dashed away after the ball had come off the foot of Bannon who had tried in vain to stop a long pass. Boden ran in on an angle and belted the ball past Launets.

Sydney City replaced Kevin Mullen with Jim Cant shortly afterwards while Duncan Cummings came on for injured Hellas midfielder John Stevenson.

In the 73rd-minute Watson was injured and replaced by Murray.

Hellas tried hard for the equaliser but Boden put the result beyond doubt when he broke clear on a long ball from Bruce and scored in the same position from which he had notched his first.

MATCH RATING: 7

Hellas's George Christopoulos and Vince Bannon respectively.

But Sydney City deserved victory on its own merits and, indeed, had the chances to win by an even greater margin.

Sydney City ruled supreme in midfield through Murray Barnes, Jim Patikas and Ian Souness.

And out wide on the right Joe Watson gave Allen Davidson the run around.

Alun Evans battled gamely in Hellas's attack but he was given little support from either the midfield or fellow forwards Branko Buljevic and Christopoulos.

At the other end of the ground Sydney City's John Kosmina was beaten soundly by Steve Blair but Boden's opportunism made up for it as he notched two goals.

After a scoreless first half Hellas resumed with Bertie Lutton in the sweeper's position, replacing Arthur Xanthopoulos.

Four minutes after the interval Ian Bruce pounced on Christopoulos who was dwelling on the ball for too long, took the ball past him and slammed it in for the first goal.

West Germany continued on its seemingly unstoppable march to the World Cup finals when it beat Finland 4-0 with awesome ease in Lahti, Finland.

Hans-Peter Briegel shot West Germany into a 25th minute lead and Klaus Fischer and attacking fullback Manfred Kaltz inflicted further punishment in the 37th and 40th minutes.

West Germany, showing no reaction to their 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Brazil last Wednesday, moved down a gear after the interval but Fischer took the tally to four ten minutes from the end.

Germany 4-0

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1.	(1) *St. Melb. Hellas	5	1	1	8	4	2	4	0	10
2.	(3) Canberra City	3	2	2	12	6	4	2	1	6
3.	(2) Brisbane City	5	2	0	10	2	1	4	2	3
4.	(4) **Sydney C. Hakohs	4	2	0	13	3	3	1	2	7
5.	(5) *Adelaide C. Juventus	4	0	3	12	8	2	3	1	10
6.	(6) Wollongong	2	4	1	9	7	2	3	2	5
7.	(6) **Marconi Datsun	4	1	1	8	5	3	0	3	5
8.	(9) Sydney Olympic	4	3	0	13	6	1	1	5	6
9.	(10) *Brisbane Lions	4	2	1	10	4	0	3	3	6
10.	(8) **APIA Leichhardt	1	3	1	5	5	3	2	2	7
11.	(12) Preston Makedonia	3	2	2	13	8	1	1	5	6
12.	(11) *Newcastle KB Utd.	2	2	3	10	7	2	0	4	5
13.	(13) *Heidelberg Alexander	3	1	2	8	8	0	2	5	8
14.	(16) *Blacktown City	1	2	3	8	13	1	3	3	8
15.	(14) West Adel. Hellas	2	1	4	7	8	1	1	5	5
16.	(15) Footscray JUST	2	3	2	9	9	0	1	6	1

* One match in hand. ** Two matches in hand.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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(Blacktown)**RUSSELL (3)** (Adel. C) **DUNLEAVY (3)** (W'gong) **DUNNE (1)** (Brisb. C) **AINSWORTH (1)** (W'gong)**PATIKAS (1)**
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Day 9 Tuesday — DUBROVNIK/MOSTAR.

Day 10 Wednesday — MOSTAR/SARAJEVO.

Day 11 Thursday — SARAJEVO/BELGRADE.

For details of itinerary see Holiday No. 3.

Day 12 Friday — BELGRADE. Morning sightseeing

includes the historic Kalemegdan Fortress, the Byzantine

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Evans) SYDNEY CITY

3 (Boden 2, Bruce) at Middle Park. Votes by:

6. Patikas (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. Blair (SM), 3. Barnes

(SC), 2. Souness (SC), 1. O'Connor (SC).

WOLLONGONG 0 CANBERRA 1 (Valeri) at Wollongong

Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Warner:

6. Dunleavy (W), 5. Brennan (C), 4. Ainsworth (W), 3.

Purdie (C), 2. Lathan (W), 1. Fleming (W).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

3 (Marocchi, Russell, Northcott) at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Votes by Meno Youssifidis:

6. Russell (AC), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Mitchell (AC), 3. Perin

(AC), 2. Jones (AC), 1. Northcott (AC).

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Lathford 2, Millman, Low) FOOT-

SCRAY JUST 0 at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Weddell:

6. Low (BL), 5. Ferris (BL), 4. McLean (BL), 3. Lathford

(BL), 2. Hermiston (BL), 1. Niven (BL).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Cullen) BRISBANE CITY 1

(Hamilton) at Connor Reserve. Ratings by Dick Prendergast:

6. McMillan (Mak), 5. Dunne (B), 4. Hamilton (BC), 3.

Cullen (Mak), 2. Coe (BC), 1. Flavell (Mak).

BLACKTOWN 3 (O'Donnell pen., Djordjevic, Burrows)

WOLLONGONG 1 (Barnes) at Rabbie Stadium. Votes by

6. Jones (B), 5. Burrows (B), 4. McMillan (H), 3. Wheatley

(B), 2. O'Donnell (B), 1. Rooney (H).

NEWCASTLE 1 (Mountford) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (K. Wil-

son, Jennings) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe

Lanzoni:

6. Jones (N), 5. Jennings (SO), 4. Ziras (SO), 3. Cotton

(SO), 2. Senkalski (N), 1. Mountford (N).

Leaders:

45. Hermiston (BL)

41. T. Byrne (Can), Mitchell (AC)

39. Kosmina (SC)

37. Ontong (BL)

35. de Graaf (Woll)

34. Ollerton (Mak), Evans (SM)

33. Brown (Mak)

32. Katholos (SO)

31. Dunleavy (Woll)

30. Crook (WA)

29. Bennett (BL)

Leading scorers:

8. Boden (SC)

7. Ollerton (Mak)

6. Kosmina (SC)

5. Barnes (SC), Mitchell (AC), P. O'Connor (APIA), Christ-

nououlos, Evans (SM), Millman (BL), Gibson, Valeri (Can).



TOM ANDERSON

The credibility of soccer throughout Australia at present is not worth a plugged nickel.

Following the tragedy of events after the Socceroos World Cup defeat at the SCG by New Zealand, it is hard to find any of the general Australian public willing to take the game seriously.

Even a great percentage of the hardened followers of the code is now completely disillusioned by a series of events that can be compared only with Watergate and the fall of Richard Nixon.

The cover-ups, the deception and the incredible running for cover that has gone on since the NZ fiasco really has dragged soccer deeper into the mire than at any other time.

If soccer isn't cleaned up, given a new image and run on a completely professional footing from now on, it will always be a joke in Australia.

This is not a time for people to feel sorry for themselves, or save their own skins. It is a time for truth.

Rudi Gutendorf was appointed as Australian coach to get the Socceroos to next year's World Cup finals in Spain.

He has failed in this quest so he is no longer Australian coach.

This is one of the facts of life of coaching — failure means removal — either by resignation or sacking.

Gutendorf's legacy is a batch of brilliant young players and at least we have a foundation on which to build.

Something that no-one can take away from Gutendorf is his quest to find and produce

brilliant young home bred players.

It is the way Gutendorf was got rid of that really concerns me as far as the future of Australian soccer is concerned.

Gutendorf's resignation should have been a matter between him and the ASF executive or World Cup committee.

But this was not so, and the players of the national squad were very much involved in the "final solution".

On the Sunday morning, the World Cup committee or part of it, held a conference with the players before meeting the

coach. In professional soccer this is a cardinal sin.

It shows a complete lack of knowledge to even consider talking to a militant bunch of players.

Players are paid to play football — not politics.

It seems that some — and I say some — of this present bunch of players not only want to play and have automatic selection in the national team, but also want to select the coach, organise the training and have a say in everything that happens.

What's worst, the ringleaders in the militant bunch are lucky to be in the squad in the first place, for believe me there's half a dozen other players in the PSL who are performing much better than they are.

The world cup committee should have sacked the whole squad at the time Gutendorf resigned.

Then they could have reinstated the dedicated and keen young players whose aim and only aim is to play soccer and not politics.

I have been led to believe that Gutendorf will be paid up until the end of his contract — which is how it should be.

However, if this entails coming out with some outrageous statements and defending certain administrators then he has let himself down as a man.

The statement that he has been sabotaged by some PSL coaches is just too silly for words.

Rudi knows and knows only too well that he was not sabotaged outside the squad — but inside it, by some of his players and so called "helpers".

The way I now see it, is that the only way soccer is going to get back its credibility is with the youngsters in the World Youth championships in October.

His present Socceroo setup will not do it in the remaining World Cup matches.

Their performance against Indonesia was no improvement to that against the Kiwis at the SCG — the opposition was only weaker.

And if anyone can tell me that victories in coming World Cup matches against Fiji and Taiwan will bring back credibility than I certainly will not believe it.

As for still having a chance to win the Oceania section — then if you believe that, you believe that there are fairies at the bottom of your garden.

The answer is now with the kids and the quicker they're given top-line practice to get into shape for the World Youth Championships the better.



John Zendenoom

Bergers look good, 'Juve' for top four

IN MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG V Newcastle at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1978 - Heid 1-0, 2-2. 1979 - Newc 4-2, 3-3. 1980 - Heid 4-0, Newc 3-1. No advantage. Goal advantage Heidelberg 13:12.
Footscray J.U.S.T. V Blacktown (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1980 - J.U.S.T. 3-0, Black 3-0.

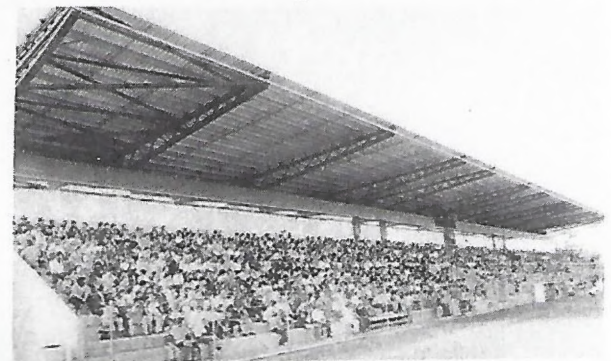
IN SYDNEY
Sydney Olympic V APIA LEICHHARDT at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 2-0, Sydney 2-0.
Marconi V Wollongong (draw) at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.
SYDNEY CITY V Preston Makedonia at Sydney Athletic Stadium, Sunday, 3pm.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra V South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1979 - Hellas 2-0, 1-1. 1978 - Hellas 3-0, 0-0. 1979 - Canb 3-2, 1-1. 1980 - Hellas 1-0, 0-0. Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 10:5.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY V Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. 1977 - BC 1-0, 2-1. 1978 - BC 2-1, AC 3-2. 1979 - BC 4-2, 2-1. 1980 - AC 2-1, 0-0. Advantage Brisbane City 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 14:10.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE LIONS V West Adelaide at Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - WA 5-1, 4-1. 1978 - WA 3-0, Lions 3-1. 1979 - WA 3-2, 1-0. 1980 - Lions 2-1, 1-1. Advantage West Adelaide 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 19:10.

Brisbane City's new home



This was the scene at Spencer Park when Brisbane City officially opened its new grandstand with its match against Wollongong Wolves.

Brisbane City played at Spencer Park for many years, and for the first three years of the PSL, at Queensland's headquarters, Perry Park.

Spencer Park is situated at Newmarket, a near-city suburb, some two miles from Perry Park and the club has invested an estimated one million dollars, in the complex.

The new stand bears the name of Gino Mario, City's president since the 1980 season, who has played a major role in the development of the complex.

Through his business acumen, Gino Mario and Brisbane City have sold eight of the 12 private boxes situated at the top of the new stand for \$12,500 each.

— BRUCE WADDELL

the Brisbane boys have strolled merrily along into the top four.

Jimmy Dunne is a top class sweeper and he'll have to be at his best because his fellow defenders will need all the cover they can get against David Mitchell, John Nyskohus and Brian Northcote.

Most Adelaide 'Juve' attacks are the end product of well-planned, systematic build-ups. The home side is a fine, interesting, possession outfit and should mount a strong, successful challenge for top four honours.

I don't think it will slip up on Sunday. Footscray J.U.S.T. just can't afford to slip up against Blacktown at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

I know I'm becoming repetitive but a win is a must for J.U.S.T.

But I still can't see the home side triumphing. Blacktown boss Rale Rasic has a soft spot for J.U.S.T. after playing and coaching there in the 60's.

But sentiment won't affect Blacktown. It's got a few problems of its own and there's not a great deal between these lowly sides.

Blacktown could walk away from Schintler Reserve in a happier frame of mind than J.U.S.T.

A point away from home would be a worthy result. Marconi runs into the well-drilled Wollongong team at Marconi Stadium on Sunday and I'm tipping a draw here.

Marconi boasts many past or present Socceroos, magnificent social rooms and a major sponsor in the Datsun car company.

It really is a case of the big money against the battlers. I don't mean any disrespect to Wollongong. Quite the opposite.

You can't praise it enough for buying so astutely to put out a top team in its first year of PSL competition.

It just goes to show that money isn't everything and in keeping with the myth of the old Aussie battler I'm going for the visitors to Marconi to stretch the home side to near breaking point.

Even without Kiwi internationals Brian Turner and Clive Campbell Ken Morton's Marvels have shown an amazing depth and quality which should net a point away from Raul Blanco's boys.

Sydney City and APIA loom as the winners of the other two Sydney games against respective opponents Preston Makedonia and Sydney Olympic.

But Makedonia has added steel to its back four with Danny McCluskey and Scottish import Ron Macivor who has over 140 games with East Fife to his credit.

Brisbane Lions would add to West Adelaide's relegation fears by taking the points at Richlands Stadium on Sunday.

The irresistible Ron Millman and the fast, attacking runs of Lions right back Paul Ontong could prove too much for West.

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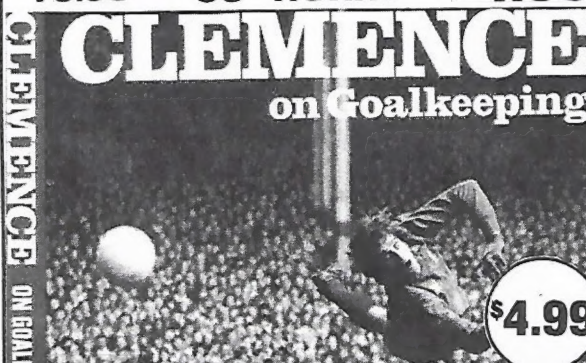
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BUFFALO SPORTS

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Shiners steamroll the Northerners

Scottish striker for Ajax

NORTHCOTE 1 (Kalifatis) SUNSHINE 6
(Pate 3, Mussel, Nelson, Ellis.)

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 6 — Petrakos 6, Nelson 5 (in), Duffin 7, 7th, Rujovic 5, Fakos 4 — Bozakis 6, Kalifatis 7, Paleusos 5 — Sahinidis 5, Ignatidis 5 (Krisis H.T. 6), Tachiris 5.

SUNSHINE: Contin 7 — Diney 7, Lowe 5, Ellis 6, Morovic 8 — Mussel 8, Nelson 8, Esposito 7 (Bannigan 65th), Laing 7 (Campbell 70th) — Mudrinic 5, Pate 6.

Northcote went into this match with a three-man first team squad and finished the game with barely a whimper after Sunshine thoroughly demoralised and demolished its opponent.

Bill Gatsonis was transferred to Provisional First Division club Caulfield 24 hours before this debacle and John Nicolaides wants to leave after an argument with coach Jim Kriaris.

The Northerners are trying

to swap Nicolaides for Heidelberg United's Con Moulis and Footscray JUST also wants Nicolaides.

Northcote matched Sunshine for almost 25 minutes.

In this period Frank Mussel put the Shiners one in front only to see that lead dissolve two minutes later thanks to Kris Kalifatis's low drive which beat Alan Contin.

But once Sunshine again hit the front with a brilliantly worked goal in the 28th minute Northcote collapsed.

Rob Nelson played the ball wide on the right to John Mudrinic whose far post cross was headed down by Norrie Pate and Nelson drilled a left foot drive inside the near post from 12 metres.

The second half was a procession of Sunshine attacks. Let's merely describe the goals. There's not enough room to describe the near misses.

Andy Esposito's corner sent

the ball to the edge of the area where everyone seemed to misjudge it. The ball bounced ideally for Steve Ellis and his volley flashed into the far top corner eluding the vain attempt to save by "Rocky" Tachiris.

Then came the first of Norrie Pate's three goals.

Mudrinic was dynamite down the right. He beat Con Fakos, took the ball to the line then cut it back into Pate's path and the Sunshine striker tapped home at the near post.

Mudrinic also set up Pate's second and Sunshine's fifth goal. He broke clear with Fakos coming across him. The Northcote full back tried to trip Mudrinic but the youngster kept his feet. More importantly he kept his head because he looked up then cut the ball back for Pate to shoot truly on the turn.

Pate sealed his hat-trick and the goal indicated the Shiners' dominance.

Mussel broke clear in mid-field then played the ball through to Pate. George Bozakis seemed to be in control until Pate slid down and dispossessed him. But Bozakis recovered and was inches away at Pate's back. In a flash Pate turned and left Bozakis in his wake then hammered the ball past Tachiris from 15 metres.

Finally a word about Kris Kalifatis.

He clearly was Northcote's best player. Twice he saved his side from a more embarrassing scoreline, scored Northcote's goal and looked in control every time he was in possession.

Sadly the same can't be said for almost all of his team.

AJAX 3 (McLeod 2, Greechan) FRANKSTON 0.

AJAX: Dany 7 — Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, Hobgen 8 — Vassallo 7, Bennett 8, Williams 7 — Greechan 7, McLeod 7, Moray 6.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 — Thomson 7, Gillespie 6, Cooper 5 (Pryde H.T.), Campbell 7 — Buchanan 6, Webb 5, Stewart 6 (Loonstra 80th), Ormond 8 — Adams 6, Egan 6.

Ajax welcomes Scottish striker Gordon Wallace on Friday. The 31-year-old Wallace has played with Dundee United, Raith Rovers, Cowdenbeath and Berwick Rangers.

He will give Ajax the depth which is sadly lacking in last Sunday's opponent Frankston.

David Hogben took Charlie Egan out of the

game and Kit Greechan set the ball rolling in the first half when he followed up Gus McLeod's header against the bar to slot home the rebound.

McLeod made it two before the break with a firm header into the corner from the penalty spot. Dave Gilbert slipped as he backpedalled and could do little to stop McLeod's fine attempt.

The sealer on Ajax's win was a scramble affair.

Jim Williams played the ball to the near post but neither Gilbert nor Bill Morrey could gain possession. The ball eluded them and fell to McLeod who made no mistake from close range.



Kris Kalifatis (left) scores Northcote's only goal against Sunshine goalkeeper Alan Contin. Others, from left: Con Ignatidis, Steve Ellis (obscured), Frank Mussel. Pictures by Les Shorrock.

Heery—Davidson battle!

HAKOAH 1 (McClunzie) JUVENTUS 0.

HAKOAH: Fryser 7 — Davidson 6, Gaddy 7, Hannah 7, Dossin 6 — Wilson 6, Thomson 6, Kent 6 (Alison 60th) — Webster 5, McClunzie 5, Nagy 6 (McNeil 84th).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 6 — Curcio 6, Terquisio 6, Donaldson 6, Geremia 7 — Penzo 6, Werner 6, Sami 6, Heery 7 — Ristovski 5 (sent off 70th), Incantapula 5.

Two important things happened in this match.



The first was Hakoah's winning goal which came in the 27th minute.

headed in from point blank range.

The second thing was Mendo Ristovski's sending-off in the 70th minute after referee Evan Venios twice consulted his linesman.

Apart from these two incidents this was a pathetic spectacle which almost came to life whenever Tony Heery was in possession with Danny Davidson at his back. They niggled each other for most of the second half.

John Creany — Juventus to Albion Rovers?

Billy Vojtek — punched!

Revolt at Springvale, 'Juve' men for Rovers

Western Suburbs player-coach Billy Vojtek was punched, Frankston Pines signed Gerry Edmondson from Hakoah for \$1,500 and a major committee showdown is looming at Springvale.

These are the major Metro stories in a big news week.

Andy McMillan and John Creany of Juventus are likely to join Albion Rovers.

Vojtek was punched as he left the scene of his side's 4-3 triumph over First Division leader Polonia.

Edmondson played well in his first game for Pines against Doncaster Rovers who had Mario Anselma sent off in the second half.

I believe that a group of Springvale members are trying to oust the club president and some of the committee.

These members have approached Fred Bunce to take over from first team coach Eddie Lange.

Apparently the committee is split over Lange's appointment.

The members are incensed with Bob Adams's departure to Nunawading, Donovan Lawler's loss to Box Hill and now young Alan Whittaker has been

given a free transfer and I believe that he has been approached by Frankston Pines.

An extraordinary general meeting has been called for Tuesday, June 23, at the Ross Reserve clubrooms starting at 8 pm.

FIRST DIVISION

WESTERN SUBURBS 4 (Vojtek 2, Kupisz, Segi) POLONIA 3 (Lakic pen, Sekulski, Glykalamos o.g.).

SUBURBS: Mitandis, Kypritis, Glykalamos, Karabataos, Di-movskis, McCarthy, Vojtek, Kupisz, Segi, Klarin, Theodorakis.

POLONIA: Dziulakowski, R. Li-planski, Javorinski, S. Klari, Rachalski (G. Gammanski H.T.), Sekulski, Wallace, P. Czapnicki, Gerich, Lakic, Kryzinski (Pichner 48th).

Suburbs player-coach Billy Vojtek was punched to the ground by a spectator after his team had beaten Polonia 4-3 to move to within a point of the First Division leadership.

Vojtek had masterminded West's victory, aided by Mick Klarin, Daxi Kypritis and Mike Glykalamos.

"He caught me by surprise," Vojtek said. "It was like something was exploding. I thought I'd lost my eye. I fell to the ground and was dazed and frightened."

"Luckily some people grabbed him and dragged him away."

A man later was charged at Sunshine Police Station.

A crowd of about 2000 people watched West surge to a 3-1 half time lead with Vojtek's two goals and one by Eddie Kupisz while Polonia benefited from an own goal by Glykalamos.

Andy Segi increased the lead to 4-1 but Polonia hit back with a penalty by Brendan Lakic and a late goal by Richard Sekulski.

RICHMOND 3 (Groenewald, Kupic pen, Curcija) ALTONA GATE 0.

RICHMOND: Kias, Skinner, Kupic, Straubinger, E. Groenewald, Arantz, Koenen, G. Dodin, Curcija, W. Groenewald (Beer 33rd), Young.

The Victorian Leagues

Richmond's determination earned it a 22nd minute lead when Warren Groenewald scored after a cross by Bruce Young.

A minute later Groenewald was taken down inside the area and Eddie Kupic converted.

An Altona Gate player was sent off in the 48th minute and was followed by a team mate later in the game.

The Altona defence paid dearly for clearing ineffectively and Rajko Curcija grabbed number three.

BEST: Richmond, Curcija, Kiss, E. Groenewald.

BOX HILL: 4 (Lawler 2, Valentine 2) PRAHRAN SLAVIA: 2 (Cooke, Brindle).

BOX HILL: Morgan, Featherstone, Brennie, Singleton, Ray, McLeod, Verechia, Macleod, Valentine, Lawler, Taylor.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: Hammond, Haupt, Pye, Lawson, Griffiths, Cooke, Jurina, Brindle, Auld, Katz, Lutz (ullen 65th min).

Two superb reflex saves by keeper Graham Morgan in the last ten minutes kept Box Hill in the game against Prahran Slavia.

In the 18th minute Ray Taylor picked up a loose ball thirty yards from goal, cut inside Haupt and Griffiths, and passed to Donovan Lawler who cut from close range.

A more determined Slavia came out in the second half, with Cooke and Brindle taking control of the midfield, and Jurina running his heart out at the front, but it was not until the 70th minute that Cooke equalised after cleverly pulling down a cross from the left by Turina.

This setback spurred Box Hill into greater efforts, and only two minutes later Taylor, wide on the left, slung a superb cross to Lawler on the near post.

The big striker fought off the challenge of Griffiths and rifled a right foot drive that Hammond could only parry.

The ball ran loose, and the ever-alert Mike Valentine made no mistake from close range.

The Hillmen continued to press forward, but it was Slavia which almost scored when a rare mistake on the back let Jurina in. Graham Morgan, celebrating his 30th birthday, parried the shot brilliantly, and then got down to his right with an agility that belied his advancing years, to turn the second shot round the post.

Box Hill however, were now in complete control and in the 82nd minute Taylor intercepted a mishit clearance by Brindle, and put Valentine through a slot the ball past the helpless Hammond.

Three minutes late it was Valentine again who hit an inch-perfect 35 metre pass diagonally from right to left which cut the Slavia defence to ribbons and Lawler, flashing in from the left, crashed a right foot drive into the corner of the net from 18 metres to

record his sixth goal of the season.

Slavia showed strength of character by immediately hitting back.

Good combinations between Cooke and Brindle in midfield ended with the latter crashing a superb right foot drive from thirty metres into the top left hand corner of the goal.

Reserves: Box Hill 2 (Sherman pen., Verechia), Prahran Slavia 1 (K. Patterson o.g.).

ALBION ROVERS 2 KEILOR AUSTRIA 1

It took only minutes for Austria to open the scoring when Toni Latif pounced on a loose passback and gave Bill Johnston no chance.

Five minutes later Austria had the chance to seal the game when it was awarded a penalty for pushing inside the box.

Bill Johnston anticipated Ossie Latif's penalty brilliantly to make a fine save. Two minutes later Albion was awarded a free kick just outside the box. A high cross was floated to Mick D'Silva who volleyed home.

George Craig was sent off in the 30th minute.

The game could have gone either way in the second half until the last minute when Charlie Spiteri blasted the ball through a pack of defenders to win the match for the Rovers.

Marshall to Polonia?

Polonia was negotiating last week to buy forward Alex Marshall from Richmond.

Richmond was holding out for a transfer fee believed to be \$4500.

The club hopes to use the money to buy David Griffiths from Slavia.



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Adams misses penalty

RINGWOOD 0 CROATIA 0

RINGWOOD: Fearn 9 - Pasman 7, Brooks 7, Groenewald 8, Vermeers 6 - Matt 6 (O'Brien 6th), O'Riley (in, Parney 17th), O'Callaghan 6 - Thom 6, Luyten 6, Tattersall 6.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7, Bannan 9, Kokoska 8, Blawer 7 - Adams 7, Andrews 7, Tront 7 (Kerr 6th), Murphy 6 - Mitten 7, Gilder 7.

Keith Adams missed a penalty with the last kick of the match. And he had sent Les Fearn the wrong way!

But with the goal at his mercy he struck the ball wide to end a game in which a combination of poor finishing and fine goalkeeping from Fearn had denied Croatia on numerous occasions.

Croatia could have struck early. Ken Murphy broke through the centre as both Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder ran wide. The markers for the two Croatia strikers challenged Murphy who elected to shoot rather than set-up Mitten or Gilder. Murphy's shot was blocked.

Three minutes later Ringwood missed its best chance.

Pate moves up

The winner of General Tourist's State League Top Scorers award wins a return trip for two to New Zealand.

Leading scorers are:

- 8 - Egan (F)
- 5 - Pate (S), McLeod (GCA).



Sunshine's star scorer Norrie Pate (right) prepares to take on Mirko Rujevic of Northcote.

Howarth, ref hurt

GEORGE CROSS 3 (Bannan, Rigby, Paparas) CROYDON 0

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hare 6 - Borg 7 (in, Morgan 7th), Maitland 6, Wilkinson 6, McKinlay 6 - Rigby 6, Bannan 6, Mizz 6 - Flaherty 7, Tool 7, Paparas 6.

CROYDON: Keogh 5 - Spinks 6, McComb 6, Pangio 7, Brown 7 - Wenda 6, Smith 6, Howarth 6 (Brogan 7th) - P. Loughnane 6, Wright 6, J. Loughnane 6.

Croydon midfielder Johnny Howarth was punched by a spectator in the first half and a few minutes later the referee was involved in a collision and had to leave the ground to be replaced by a linesman.

The spectator was taken from the ground by two policemen and later charged.

In between the drama George Cross turned on its best soccer of the season, especially in the second half, to blitz Croydon and run out a worthy 3-0 winner.

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Cross produced its best performance of the year in the second half with goals from Dave Rigby, a glancing header at the near post from Brian Flaherty's corner, and Jim



Paparas, who headed home Bobby Toal's cross. Paparas should have notched his second late in the game but he volleyed over with only Keogh to beat.

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Ametco Travel award

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This week's votes:

RINGWOOD V CROATIA

- 3 - P. Bannan (C)
- 2 - Fearn (R)
- 1 - Kokoska (C)

NORTHCOLE V SUNSHINE

- 3 - Mudrinic (S)
- 2 - Pate (S)
- 1 - Marovic (S)

HAKOAH V JUVENTUS

- 3 - Hannah (H)
- 2 - Henry (J)
- 1 - Garamite (J)

GEORGE CROSS V CROYDON

- 3 - Rigby (GC)
- 2 - McKinlay (GC)
- 1 - G. Bannan (GC)

ALTONA V FRANKSTON

- 3 - Hobgen (A)
- 2 - Gardiner (A)
- 1 - Bennett (A)

DOVETON V ALTONA

- 3 - Thurlow (D)
- 2 - McConville (D)
- 1 - O'Boyle (A)

PROGRESSIVE VOTES:

- 11 - Cannali (GGA)
- 10 - Ellis (S), P. Bannan (C)
- 9 - Nielsen (H)
- 8 - French (H), Fearn (R), Wilkinson (GC), Egan (F).

MUDRINIC, PATE BIG THREAT TO DOVES

Devotees of tough uncompromising soccer are in for a treat when they visit Chaplin Reserve on Sunday to find out if revitalised Sunshine can become the first side this season to take both points away from Doveton.

There's no doubt that Norrie Pate has given the Shiners the target up front they were looking for.

But Pate will run into one of the most underrated stoppers in the State League in Doveton's Paul Corke.

And the Doves close down so quickly and press all over the field. It should be a hell of a battle.

If young Jim Mudrinic hits his straps the way he did against Northcote last weekend then pity help the Doveton left back.

Mudrinic shows a refreshing fearlessness in his readiness to run at defenders and he could prove to be the Doves' biggest headache.

Doveton striker Steve Irvine missed last week's game due to a poisoned ankle. He was on crutches last weekend and is doubtful for this game.

Even without Irvine I'm not going to underestimate Doveton's fighting qualities and it could steal a point here.

League leader Green Gully Ajax shouldn't have too much trouble walking away from Gillon Oval with two points.

Enough has been said about Juve's lack of player depth. Ajax will win.

Croydon and Ringwood are matched in a local derby at Croydon Park on Sunday.

There will be a lot of soul searching at Croydon this week after its 3-0 thrashing by George Cross.

I nearly fell off my seat when I heard that result on Sunday night.

I'm sure coach Bill McArthur will drum into his charges that they have a big task ahead of them to restore their prestige and I expect Ringwood to suffer the full force of an aggressive, competitive Croydon on Sunday.

And Croydon should be bolstered by the signing of Kim Wassell in time for this clash.

Altona could beat George Cross at Kim Reserve on Sunday. Honest. I'm not joking.

There's a schizophrenic quality about a side which sandwiches a 2-0 defeat to a First Division team in between drawing with Croatia and beating Croydon convincingly.

I don't know what to expect from Cross this week.

I'm probably in the same boat as the Cross supporters.

There's no way you're going to get me to make any predictions about George Cross for a couple more weeks.

If Frankston can't beat Northcote at Centenary Park on Sunday then the Baysiders should give the game away and take up a less challenging sport.

Sunshine V Doveton (Draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus V AJAX at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

FRANKSTON V Northcote at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA V Hakoah at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROYDON V Ringwood at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v George Cross at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

NEW MEN FOR ALTONA

DOVETON 3 (Cherrie 2, Thurlow) ALTONA 2 (Little, Innes pen.)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 6 - Thurlow 8, Corke 6, Marick 6, McConville 6 - Train 7, Witcock 7, Wenda 7 - Bentley 7, Cherrie 7, Quin 7.

ALTONA: Mamishi 5 - P. Wilson 5, K. Wilson 7, McKenna 6, Daluca 6 - Watters 6, Jones 5 (in, Hands H.T. 6), Innes 5 - Little 6, Whyte 7, O'Boyle 7.

You can stop writing off Altona if its commitment in this game is a true guide to its form.

And Altona has signed two overseas players.

Steve Jones was injured early and was replaced at half time.

Jones is 23 and has had stints with Everton, West Kirby, Poulton Victoria and Dutch club Veendam.

Howard Mercer should be available for this weekend's game against George Cross.



He is a 24 year old striker who has played with Tranmere Rovers, Bury, Sligo Rovers, Veendam and Shell in the West Cheshire League.

The visitors to Waratah Reserve stunned the Doves in the third minute when Paul Corke misjudged a long kick downfield by Rick Mamishi. The ball glanced off Corke's head to Nat Little who calmly lobbed the advancing Lou Ivanoff.

Doveton levelled in the 18th minute.

Jim Train drove the ball hard and low across the face of goal, Gordon Bentley dived for Arthur Cherrie who slotted home at the far post.

A Train free kick in the 42nd minute almost was a repeat of Doveton's first goal. Again Train drove the ball across goal and Peter Thurlow hammered it first time into the back of the net.

Altona twice was unlucky in this half.

Steve O'Boyle scored but was ruled offside then Kevin Innes sent O'Boyle through but his shot was cleared off the line.

But three minutes after the break Train handled and Innes converted the resulting penalty sending Ivanoff the wrong way.

To the relief of the home crowd Cherrie grabbed the decider in the 65th minute.

Alec McConville went down the left and crossed into the area where Cherrie chested down, turned, then shot truly from 12 metres.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

FEARN (R'wood)			
THURLOW (D'ton)	P. BANNON (Croatia)	HANNAH (Hakoah)	HOBGEN (AJAX)
RIGBY (G. Cross)	BANNON (G. Cross)	BENNETT (AJAX)	HEERY (Juve)
MUDRINIC (S' shine)	PATE (S' shine)		

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Perhaps spin the bottle would be more to the liking of some of the Frankston players if they trudge off without both points.

I watched Northcote last week.

It wasn't that bad, it just was hopeless. I have grave fears now about its future State League prospects.

As for the Croatia-Hakoah game at Olympic Park on Sunday I'm not going to spout rubbish about what Croatia is going to do after a bad result the previous week. I made that mistake when I previewed the Croatia-Ringwood game in last week's column.

I just want to make a couple of points.

First, if Croatia doesn't beat Hakoah it won't win the league.

Second a word to Colin Allison.

Listen, Colin, the crowd isn't really interested in the part of your anatomy you showed to Mendo Ristovski last week when he was sent off. Anyway if it's a cold day you don't really do yourself any justice.

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AJAX	5	1	1	13	2	11
DOVETON	2	0	1	7	9	9
CROYDON	3	3	1	11	10	9
HAKOAH	4	1	2	7	7	9
Croatia	2	4	1	13	8	8
Sunshine	3	1	3	12	8	7
Geo. Cross	3	1	3	8	6	7
Frankston	3	1	3	10	11	6
Ringwood	2	2	3	8	10	6
Northcote	2	1	4	10	18	5
Juventus	2	0	5	13	4	2
Altona	0	2	5	8	16	2

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This week's winner is versatile Ajax youngster DAVE HOBGEN.

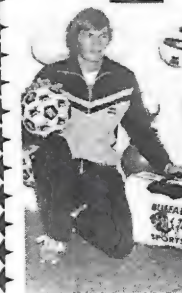
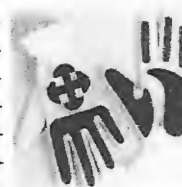
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Two shots of the one game — between George Cross and Juventus — have been submitted by Anne Gall of 37 Frawool Street, Box Hill North, Vic., 3129. The top picture shows Juventus forward Fabio Incentalupo going past George Cross goalkeeper Mike O'Hara and Bill Wilkinson. The other picture shows John Creany heading clear in defence.

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FRONT ROW: George Pavlidis (Juniors), Liam Monagle (Ireland 1981), Jim Campbell (Bedford, England 1977), John Yzendoorn (Slavia, 1979), Jamie Paton (Slavia 1979), Jimmy Rooney (Marconi 1979), Theo Selenidis (Hellas Juniors 1977).

Heidelberg United, formerly known as Fitzroy-Alexander, won promotion to the Victorian State League for the third time in 1969. Previously relegation followed quickly after winning promotion in 1963 and 66. The election of Jim Mangopoulos as president in 1973 heralded a new era for the club. Heidelberg won the State League championship in 1975. It entered the Philips League in 1977 and since then it has been Melbourne's most successful PSL club winning the coveted grand final of the top four competition last year. That was under Len McKendry. This year has seen Manny Poulakakis come and go in his third stint as coach. Last year Heidelberg boasted the most successful striking combination in PSL history in Gary Cole and Jamie Paton. The club hopes to quickly re-establish itself as a leading PSL outfit.



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By KEVIN RATCLIFFE

was their methodical approach to the game. They completely outclassed NSW but frittered away golden chances of scoring. It was the same story against Queensland but in that game Queensland emerged victorious because of its sheer determination. If Victoria showed such fighting spirit, especially in its front line, and did not waste chances, it would be unbeatable.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Another well-balanced side that relied heavily on true grit and attacking soccer but lacked finesse among individual players. The side blended successfully from the word go only to miss reaching the final when beaten on its home turf by Queensland. The side failed dismally when it faced the skilled players from NSW in the group playings.

NEW SOUTH WALES: The NSW boys, hastily assembled in the two weeks before the championship, were a shadow of their former teams. They relied heavily on the skills of a few players to carry them through to the semi-finals, but were lucky to escape defeat against the Victorians. In the game against SA, NSW players from the PSL clubs were dropped from the side. Known reasons, and their omission proved fatal.

QUEENSLAND: A strong, determined side that lacked skill individually, but made up for it by persistent shadowing of opponents and turning defence into attack with clearances and with a direct approach to goal. Their combination surprised Victoria to snatch the game away and produced this approval in the final only to be beaten during penalties. An infusion of perhaps some good play-makers in this side would make Queensland a formidable combination.

Results of Recent Championships:

1977 New South Wales 2

1978 New South Wales 2

1979 Victoria 3 West Aust 1

1980 New South Wales 3

South Aust 2

An examination of the

player lists from the various

States reveals an important

development in selection and

that is the many players who

do not come from the capital

clubs.

This must be an enormous

stimulus to the many country

clubs and associations who do

a sterling job for soccer with

little recognition.

These championships

presented for the first time

players from the Phillips Youth

League and the Australian In-

stitute of Sport.

LEO APOSTOLOV: (NSW) Has represented

Macquarie's U/12 and U/16

Keen guitar player as well.

Favourite player Kenny Dal-

gleish.

SIMON BRANDT (NSW):

Has represented his

state for the last three years

and now in the Newcastle KB

Youth squad.

LLOYD BURNS (WA):

Has represented his state at U/12,

U/14 and U/16 Wears the No. 9

shirt and has Kevin Keegan as

favourite star.

TONY CABAN (NSW):

Favourite player Marco

Kempes and hopes one day to

represent Australia and play

1st Division in the U.K. Has

been a Newcastle representa-

tive for five seasons.

BRUNO COZZELLA (Vic):

Represented at U/12 and U/16

and plays midfield with Foot-

scray's PSL team.

PETER CONNELL (WA):

Stout defender now with

ROY JONES (WA): Has

been a continuous State player

since Under 10. Now with For-

restfield United and is a sup-

porter Sydney.

DAVID LOWE (NSW):

Hails from Jersey in the Chan-

nel Islands and has represented

for four years.

NEAL MALEDIS and **IG-**

NATIUS AMANATIDIS Both

have long histories in inter-

state soccer and are with Hei-

delberg United. They agree

that their top star is Diego Ma-

radona.

RALPH MAIER (NSW):

Has represented Macquarie

and Northern NSW since the

Under 12 level and also toured

Europe with the Newcastle

side. Keen judges agree that

he could realise an ambition to

eventually play in West Ger-

many.

BLAIR McALLISTER (WA):

Strong forward who has

represented his state many

times from Under 12 right

through the age groups. With

Olympic Kingsway and a fan

of Kenny Dalgleish.

JOHAN MATTHEWS (WA):

Another dasher from pre-

vious state teams and also a

fan of Kenny Dalgleish.

MATTHEW MORRELL (WA):

Making up the trio in

the West's forward line, and

also a former state rep since

Under 13. Hopes to play for a

PSL club.

CON OPASINIS (Vic):

Repped last year with Under

16 and is with Preston Make-

dona.

ANTHONY OWEN (Vic):

From the powerful South Mel-

bourne Hellas club. Repped at

U/14.

SIMON PEPPER (NSW):

Repped for state in 1980, Com-

binated High Schools 1980,

Northern Rivers 1979 and 1980,

New England 1978. Coming

from Cofts Harbour, it is no

wonder that his likes include

soccer, cricket, surfing and

rugby league.

GEORGE RAFTY (NSW):

A long representa-

tive history and toured Europe

also.

DERRICK RICHARDSON (WA):

Keen sportsman and

loves to attack that goal. With

Kingsway Olympic and has

represented WA for four years.

TONY ROBB (NSW):

Now in his sixth year of rep-

resentative honours. Comes

from Cardiff, a club with a

long history of producing great

players and its a fan of Trevor

Brooking.

MICHAEL

SEARLE (ACT): Now with

Silva, Biglands sent off

Triple-premier-ship winner Sydney Croatia is pressing home its challenge to St. George for the 1981 NSW coca-cola title with a vengeance.

Both teams remain unbeaten, with Croatia leading St. George on the points table after they defeated Parramatta 3-0 and the Saints' match against Sutherland was rained off.

Croatia officials are highly confident their side can keep the pace with St. George. The Saints are back in the State League after a four-year spell in the Phillips League.

In 1976 they won the last PSL NSW Federation First Division Competition — the forerunner to the present State League.

The following year Croatia started a string of three pre-emption runs, disturbed only last year by the success of Melita.

St. George finished second last in the PSL last season and with Sydney Olympic itching to move up from the State League, the axe fell on the long-suffering Saints.

At the start of the season they recalled their idol of the early 1970s, Frank Arok, a Yugoslav-Hungarian who coached the Saints' wonder team of 1973.

Combined with his skill as a coach and the experience of the St. George players, it didn't

take long to figure that the Saints would be a force in this year State League.

But Croatia were not left behind in the race for preparations.

They brought out Domagoj Kapitanovic — also from Yugoslavia — to coach their side, late in 1980.

He spent much of the remainder of the season getting to know his players and the Australian style of soccer. At the start of the season Croatia started to buy — on a big scale.

They lashed out with the cheque book in a spurge that had the whole of the State League shaking.

They bought seven new players and prepared to do battle with St. George.

Their two meetings this year — a 3-1 result in the Ampol Cup and a 1-1 draw in the League — have settled little between them.

Two goals from striker Peter Hensman and one from playmaker Marjan Kovacic gave Croatia the points against a dogged Parramatta.

Parramatta tried hard, but Hensman's two second half goals put paid to any hope the Magpies had of an equaliser after Kovacic's first half goal.

A scuffle broke out late in the second half, with Croatia's Brazilian striker, Marcos Silva, and Parramatta's sweeper, Percy Biglands sent off by referee Graham Warner.

Avala and Canterbury turned on the entertainment in their 3-3 draw, with the Berries coming back to equalise in the last 15 minutes.

They led 2-0 at half time through goals from strikers Lucy Georgioli and Ross Brown, but Avala came on strongly in the second half to go to a 3-2 lead.

Avala's goals came from Ron Gogic, Mark Samuels and recent signing from Blacktown City, Warren Turnbull.

But Canterbury grabbed the valuable away point when Neil Williams equalised near the end.

North Sydney fought gamely to come out 2-0 winners against an Auburn side which had more of the ball, but failed to turn chances into goals.

Norths had all the luck in scoring from their few opportunities and their strikers' deadly finishing won them the game.

After early Auburn pressure Mick Dale grabbed the first goal in the 27th minute from a direct free kick after Bob McGinn distracted the defence by running over the ball.

North Sydney's second goal came 28 minutes into the second half when John Morsello's low shot squeezed through a crowded area and took a deflection off the post before going into the net.

Only one minute earlier, Norths' goalkeeper Vic Lilli had pulled off a great save from a Terry Bertram header.

Auburn tried to the very end to break through, but lacked a dangerous striker capable of finishing off their chances.

Their best performers were the two 16-year-olds, Rod Brown and Darren McInerney, while Tom Steven in midfield and Shane Wilson up front shone for Norths.

COCA-COLA LEAGUE - NORTH SYDNEY 2 (Dale, Morsello) d AUBURN 0.

CROATIA 3 (Hensman, M. Kovacic) d PARRAMATTA 0.

AVALA 3 (Gogic, Samuels, Turnbull) draw with CANTERBURY 3 (Georgioli, R. Brown, Williams).

RIVERWOOD v BANKSTOWN, postponed.

MELITA EAGLES v INTER MONARO, postponed.

SUTHERLAND v ST GEORGE, postponed.

MANLY v POLONIA, postponed.

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

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